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Three State Board of Education Members Appointed

MONTPELIER – The Vermont State Board of Education welcomed three new members to the Board at its March 17, 2009 meeting. State Board members are appointed by Governor Jim Douglas.

Don Collins, a resident of Swanton, most recently served six years on the Senate Education Committee in the Vermont Legislature, four years as chairman. He has taught mathematics and social studies the middle and high school level, and served as the director of guidance and curriculum at Lamoille Union High School. He served 28 years in administrative positions, including four years as the principal of Ferrisburgh Central School and 14 years as superintendent of the Franklin West Supervisory Union. He also served as director of Project Head Start in Northeastern Vermont and adjunct instructor at four Vermont colleges. He also served as a trustee of the Vermont State Colleges. He is currently chairman of the Swanton School Board. His term expires in 2015.

John Hall, currently of West Danville, most recently served five years as the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs. He served on the St. Johnsbury School Board, including stints as chairman, and was a St. Johnsbury Academy trustee from 1977 until his recent appointment to the State Board. He served in the Vermont Legislature from 1993 to 1996, as a member of the House Education Committee and chairman for two years. He then served as the Town Manager of St. Johnsbury until 2000, and was the executive director of the Northeastern Vermont Development Association. He also served as Director of the Lyndonville Savings Bank from 1996-2003. He has owned Caledonia Supply Company/NAPA Auto Parts since 1987. He previously served on the State Board of Education from 1987 to 1990. His term expires in 2015.

Judith M. Livingston of Manchester currently serves on the following community boards: Bank of Bennington; Northshire Civic Center/Riley Rink; Burr and Burton Academy; Dorset Theatre Festival; Northshire Performing Arts Association; and is Trustee Emerita and former Chairman of Hildene. As a 15-year veteran of the Vermont Legislature representing Manchester, she served for six years on the House Judiciary Committee, two years as vice chair of House Ways and Means, two years each on the Appropriations Committee and the Education Committee and two years as vice-chair of the Commerce Committee. She is the legislative member of the Statehouse Expansion Committee and is currently engaged in forming a private-sector advisory council on Nanotechnology collaborative with the Vermont Department of Economic Development. Her term expires in 2015.

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